

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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BRUCE BIRCH,

Plaintiff,

v.

GLORIA CARPENTER, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. 3:20-cv-00423-MMD-WGC

ORDER

On July 16, 2020, Plaintiff Bruce Birch, then a prisoner in custody of the Nevada Department of Corrections (“NDOC”), initiated this prisoner civil rights action under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 along with an application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. (ECF Nos. 1, 1-1.) On January 14, 2021, while the case was awaiting screening, Defendant Carpenter filed a suggestion of death on the record. (ECF No. 16.)

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 25(a)(1), “[i]f a party dies and the claim is not extinguished, the court may order substitution of the proper party. A motion for substitution may be made by any party or by the decedent’s successor or representative. If the motion is not made within 90 days after service of a statement noting the death, the action by or against the decedent must be dismissed.” Fed. R. Civ. P. 25(a)(1). As such, if there is no motion for substitution within 90 days of the date of this order, the Court will dismiss the case.

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1 In the meantime, the Court denies all pending motions (ECF Nos. 1, 4) as moot  
2 with leave for the moving party to request reinstatement of their motion within seven days  
3 from the Court's order granting any motion to substitute the proper party.

4 DATED THIS 15<sup>th</sup> Day of January 2021.

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